

## Assessment of the interests declared pursuant to Article 13(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the EFSA Management Board

The present note provides an assessment on whether the interests newly declared by Board members before their 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting represent a potential conflict in accordance with EFSA's internal rules and Code of Conduct. Based on this assessment, the Board should reach a conclusion and where appropriate recommend a follow-up.

The following evaluation concerns newly declared interests. The advice takes into account the employment and activities of the member, his/her role in the Board and the responsibilities of the Board in view of the fact that, in terms of impact on EFSA's business, it primarily looks at the regularity of the appointment and selection processes of EFSA's Scientific Committee or Panels and of EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

If an identified conflict that is substantially affecting the work of the Board or EFSA's reputation is not resolved by the proposed assessment and a member of the Board is not fulfilling his/her obligations in relation to independence in such a manner that this is substantially affecting the work of the Board, the Board, acting on a two-thirds majority, may ask for his or her replacement<sup>1</sup>.

### Jan Mousing

**DoI submission date:** 8 May 2017

**New declared interests:** Employment at the Aarhus University as Business Manager, since May 2017. Occasional consultancy in favour of the Innovation Fund Denmark, since February 2017.

**Assessment:** Since May 2017, Mr Mousing is employed by the Aarhus University, Faculty of Science and Technology, where he covers the role of Business Manager with a focus on agriculture, food, environment and bio-resources areas. The Aarhus University is a Danish public university carrying out teaching and research activities in a wide range of fields. The University is included in the list of Art. 36 organisations which may assist EFSA with its mission.

Since February 2017, through the Mousing Consulting, Mr Mousing provides consultancy services to the Innovation Fund Denmark (<https://innovationsfonden.dk/en>), an organisation supporting projects aimed at translating knowledge and technology into viable business and innovative solutions for the benefit of the Danish society.

With the Council decision adopted on 12 June 2014, Mr Mousing was appointed as a member of the EFSA Management Board with

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<sup>1</sup> Article 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board.

background in organisations representing other interests in the food chain<sup>2</sup>. As a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines the relevance of these interests to assess whether specific conflicts may exist when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

## Pieter Vanthemsche

**DoI submission date:** 24 May 2016

**New declared interest:** President of the Management Board of the 3D Investments since Jan. 2017.

**Assessment:** Mr Vanthemsche held the position of member of the Management Board of the 3D from March to December 2016, hence he became Chair of that Board in Jan. 2017. 3D is a private company that aims to create value by long-term investments in companies with a good track record and growth potential and by developing unique real estate projects. With the Council decision adopted on 12 June 2014, Mr Vanthemsche was appointed as a member of the EFSA Management Board with background in organisations representing other interests in the food chain<sup>2</sup>. It is unlikely that this interest may lead to a conflict of interest, but as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines its relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may exist when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes (scientific).

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Annex:

- DoI Jan Mousing
- DoI Pieter Vanthemsche

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<sup>2</sup> Article 25(1) of the Regulation (EC) 178/2002 of the European Parliament and the Council.

## ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

*(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)*

**Name:** MOUSING, Jan

**Title:** Dr.

**Profession:** Veterinarian

**Current EFSA involvements:** Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
<b>I. Economic interest</b>	04/2016 - now	-Name: Mousing Consulting	Provision of advisory services to public and private entities - innovation, change management, strategy
<b>II. Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure</b>	01/2015 - 01/2016	-Name: AgroTech A/S, Aarhus, DENMARK	Board Member
	05/2014 - 01/2016	-Name: Agro Business Innovation A/S (ABI), Agro Business Innovation A/S, Tjele, Denmark, DENMARK	Chairman - Board of Directors Agro Business Innovation A/S is an independent, venture capital company with resources for risk investments in the early stages of an agricultural or food company's life.
	05/2013 - 01/2016	-Name: Agro Business Park	Chairman of the Board of Directors. Agro Business Park in Tjele, Denmark is a science park specialising in agriculture, bioenergy, environmental technologies and food processing.
	06/2013 - 08/2015	-Name: European Technology Platform Food for Life	Member of the Board.

	02/2011 - 12/2014	-Name: AgroTech	Head of Board. AgroTech is an authorised technological service institute which offers impartial consultancy and provides technological services based on the latest knowledge. Fields of expertise cover agriculture and food. Target groups are the food industry, nurseries and suppliers to the agricultural industry: processing companies and suppliers of machinery, technology and other aids.
	01/2012 - 12/2012	-Name: Hortiadvice Scandinavia A/S	Head of Board. Hortiadvice Scandinavia A/S provides advisory services to the horticultural sector in Denmark and Scandinavia.
	01/2004 - 08/2005	-Name: Danish Veterinary and Food Research	Board of Directors
	08/2001 - 12/2002	-Name: Lattec I/S	Board of Directors
<b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b>	09/2007 - now	-Name: The Danish Academy of Technical Sciences	The Danish Academy of Technical Sciences, ATV, is a private, independent institution, the object of which is to promote technological and scientific research and ensure the application of research results to further the creation of value and welfare in Danish society
	08/2005 - 10/2010	-Name: Danish Advisory Committee for Food Research	Governmental body developing R&D strategies and allocating funds
	08/1997 - 08/2001	-Name: Danish Agricultural and Research Council	Governmental body distributing funds for research
<b>IV. Employment</b>	05/2017 - now	-Name: Aarhus University, Faculty of Science and Technology (AU), Roskilde, DENMARK	I am employed as Business Manager for Aarhus University, Faculty of Science and Technology with focus on agriculture, food, environment, bio-resources
	02/2011 - 01/2016	-Name: SEGES P/S	SEGES P/S is a limited partnership company which offers solutions for the agriculture and food sector of tomorrow. SEGES develops business opportunities and services in close partnerships with customers, research institutions and companies worldwide.  SEGES was formerly known as the Knowledge Centre for Agriculture and took its new name 1/1 2015 when the company acquired the Danish Pig Research Centre that was till then a part of the Danish Agriculture and Food Council.
	03/2012 - 12/2014	-Name: Danish Agriculture & Food Council	Executive Director in the Danish Agriculture & Food Council.  The Danish Agriculture & Food Council represents the farming and food industry of Denmark including businesses, trade and farmers' associations.
	09/2007 - 01/2011	-Name: Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	Chief Veterinary Officer
	08/2005 - 08/2007	-Name: Danish Veterinary and Food Research	Director General
	08/2001 - 08/2005	-Name: Lattec I/S	Managing Director
	01/2000 - 12/2002	-Name: FOSS A/S	Vice President R&D
	08/1988 - 12/1999	-Name: Federation of Danish Pig Producers and Slaughterhouses	R&D and management
<b>V. Occasional consultancy</b>	02/2017 - now	-Name: Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD), Copenhagen, DENMARK	IFD is a major Danish public entity providing investments for research, development and innovation. See <a href="http://www.innofond.dk">www.innofond.dk</a> . I am operating as a Scientific Evaluator for IFD in the agriculture, food and bio-resource areas - on a consultancy contract basis.
<b>VI. Research funding</b>			NO INTEREST

<b>VII. Intellectual property rights</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VIII. Other memberships or affiliations</b>	08/1985 - now	-Name: Danish Veterinary Association	The only Danish association for Veterinarians
<b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>X. Interests of close family members</b>			NO INTEREST

<b>Involvements</b>	<b>Potential CoI (*)</b>	<b>Funding (**)</b>
Management Board	No	-

(\*) - Indicates that you consider yourself to be in a potential Conflict of Interest (CoI) with respect to the EFSA activity.

(\*\*) - Indicates that the research (co-)funding received from the private sector during the last budgetary year exceeds 25% of the average annual research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern or that is otherwise benefiting you, including research funding by your organisation.

I hereby declare that I have read both the Guidance Document on Declarations of Interests and the Procedure for identifying and handling potential conflict of interests and that the above Declaration of Interests is complete.

Date: 08/05/2017      Signature: **SIGNED**

## ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

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**Name:** VANTHEMSCHE, Piet

**Title:** Dr.

**Profession:** Self employed

**Current EFSA involvements:** Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
<b>I. Economic interest</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>II. Member of a managing entity or equivalent structure</b>	01/2017 - now	-Name: 3D Investments, Zwijnaarde, BELGIUM	President of the Management Board 3D aims to create value by long-term investments in companies with a good track record and growth potential and by developing unique real estate projects
	05/2016 - now	-Name: Urban Crops, Waregem, BELGIUM	Member of the Advisory Board  Urban Crops creates fully automated vertical farming systems using LED lighting that are both efficient and effective under any given climate conditions.
	03/2016 - now	-Name: Zonnestraal vzw (Zonnestraal), Sunbeam (non-profit association), Sint-Kwintens-Lennik, BELGIUM	Subject matter: Is a social profit organization that offers assistance to persons with a handicap.  Frequency: attending the meetings of the Board of Directors.

	03/2016 - now	-Name: CAPRICORN nv (Capricorn), Capricorn, Leuven, BELGIUM	Subject matter: Capricorn sustainable chemistry fund is a technology focused venture fund for next generation feedstock, chemicals & materials.  Member of the Advisory Board  Attendance: a few meetings a year
	01/2016 - now	-Name: Yellow White Cross of Flanders (WGK), Brussels, BELGIUM	- Chairman of the Board of Directors - The Yellow White Cross is a social profit organization offering home nursing services. The organization is active in the Flanders region and covers 150.000 patients a year. - Frequency: two days a week
	01/2016 - now	-Name: Imelda Hospital, Bonheiden, BELGIUM	- Member of the Board of Directors - General hospital - Six meetings a year (6 days)
	12/2015 - now	-Name: The Flemish Fish Auction (VLV), Zeebrugge - Oostende, BELGIUM	- Chairman of the Board of Directors - The Flemish fish auction, a private company, operates two auctions localized in the 2 Flemish fishingports of Zeebrugge and Ostend. It brings together the supply and demand of fresh wild fish in order to obtain the best price for producers and buyers. - Six meetings a year (6 days)
	03/2013 - now	-Name: University of Leuven	Member of the Board of Trustees of the KU Leuven
	11/2010 - now	-Name: EFSA	Member of the Management Board Chair of the Audit Committee
	03/2016 - 12/2016	-Name: 3D Investments, Zwijnaarde, BELGIUM	Member of the Management Board 3D aims to create value by long-term investments in companies with a good track record and growth potential and by developing unique real estate projects.
	03/2011 - 05/2016	-Name: KBC Bank and Insurances	Board of Directors
	04/2010 - 05/2016	-Name: KBC Group	Board of Directors - Banking
	10/2014 - 11/2015	-Name: World Farmers' Organisation, Organisation Mondiale de l'Agriculture, Rome, ITALY	Vice-president
	10/2008 - 11/2015	-Name: SALV - Strategische Adviesraad voor Landbouw en Visserij	Strategic Advisory Board for Agriculture and Fishery

	03/2008 - 11/2015	-Name: MRBB Holding - Agri Investment Fund	Holding Company: Acerta cvba - Holding of the Acerta Group (Social Services Group); A.I.F. cvba - Holding for investments in the agro-food sector; Aktiefinvest cvba - Real estate; Aveve nv - Supply agriculture and horticulture / commercialization of agricultural produce; SBB Bedrijfsdiensten cvba - Accountants, tax consultants, environmental advice, legal advice; KBC Groep nv - Financial group; Arda Immo nv - Real estate; Kortrijk Xpo cvba - Organization of fairs; Incofin cvso - Investment in financially sustainable microfinance institutions in developing countries; Rural Impulse Microfinance Investment Fund nv - Investment in financially sustainable microfinance institutions in developing countries; Covalis nv - Meat processing; Better3Fruit nv - Development of new fruit varieties; Gimv - Agri+ Investment Fund nv - Investment fund for innovative companies in the agrosector and related sectors in the Benelux and neighbouring countries; Iscal Sugar nv - Production of sugar out of beets; Capricorn Cleantech Fund nv - Investment fund in clean tech - GreenYard Foods: producer of frozen vegetables, convenience food and canned vegetables
	01/2012 - 04/2015	-Name: Belgian Pharmacist Association	Member of the Management Board. Professional development and defense of professional interests of community pharmacists. -
	03/2013 - 10/2014	-Name: World Farmers' Organisation	European representative in the WFO Board
	12/2005 - 03/2014	-Name: King Baudouin Foundation	Independant and pluralistic foundation that pursues ways to bring about justice, democracy and respect for diversity.
<b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>IV. Employment</b>	03/2007 - 11/2015	-Name: Boerenbond en Landelijke Gilden	President Belgian Farmers' Union and Rural Guilds
	07/2006 - 04/2007	-Name: Belgian Medicines Agency - FAGG	Managing Director
	07/2002 - 07/2006	-Name: Belgian Food Safety Agency - FAVV	Managing Director
<b>V. Occasional consultancy</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VI. Research funding</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VII. Intellectual property rights</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VIII. Other memberships or affiliations</b>	10/2012 - now	-Name: Veterinary Medicines Authority	The Veterinary Medicines Authority is committed to the responsible use of antimicrobial agents in livestock farming in the Netherlands,taking into account the interest of public health and the safeguarding of animal welfare.
<b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>	05/2013 - now	-Name: KU Leuven, BELGIUM, Leuven	Member of the Board of Trustees
	10/2010 - now	-Name: KU Leuven, BELGIUM, Leuven	Guest Professor Centre for Food and Microbial Technology: Food Law
	09/2007 - now	-Name: Ghent University - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, BELGIUM, Merelbeke	Guest Professor - Department of Obstetrics, reproduction and herd health
	06/2010 - 05/2016	-Name: Agricord - Alliance of Agri-Agencies	President
	03/2008 - 11/2015	-Name: COPA - European Farmers' Union	Member of the Praesidium

<b>X. Interests of close family members</b>			NO INTEREST
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